

DALLAS VISIT

Kennedy Should Be Ready
For Questions, Alger Says

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WASHINGTON—Rep. Bruce Alger said Wednesday that President Kennedy should be prepared to answer questions about Dallas' long-stalled federal center, the movement of the Veterans Administration offices and other local matters when he visits Dallas in mid-November.

At the same time Congressman-at-large Joe Pool of Dallas expressed the hope that Kennedy will not face any demonstration such as that encountered by Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson at the Adolphus Hotel during the 1960 campaign.

ALGER SAID the President so far has failed to answer questions he has posed to him in a letter about Dallas relations with the federal government.

"We would welcome him if he's prepared to answer questions, and get away from pious platitudes," the Dallas Republican said. "He owes us that courtesy."

Alger said that the President's visit will make it necessary for him to delay a luncheon he had scheduled for Nov. 22 for his annual report on his congressional activities. He said he probably will hold the luncheon the first week in December instead.

"It won't hurt a great deal, however," Alger said, "since Congress will still be in session."

ALGER declared it would be appropriate for the President to hold a press conference in Dallas so that questions could be submitted to him in public. (The President has not made it a practice to hold such conferences on other trips).

Pool said, in a statement, that he hoped Texas would give the President a good welcome.

"I have not been invited to be with the President when he visits Texas," Pool said. "I do not know whether I will be or not."

"While I disagree with the Kennedy administration on much legislation, I feel that he is President of the United States and believe that the people of Texas will extend to him a courteous reception . . .

"I AM SURE that he will not have any discourteous demonstrations, such as occurred in Dallas in 1960 during a visit of our vice-president, Lyndon B. Johnson, and his wife.

"Everyone, both Democrats and Republicans, regrets the 1960 incident, and I for one am hopeful that his visit will receive a typical Texas welcome."

Pool said he would be glad to join other public officials in welcoming Kennedy and escorting him on any inspection trips he may want to make.

THE PRESIDENT will be accompanied by Johnson and Sen. Ralph Yarborough on his Texas trip, but invitations to other Washington political leaders have not been extended yet. A number of Texas congressmen probably will get invitations.

Gov. John B. Connally, who was scheduled to arrive here Wednesday night, is expected to nail down some of the details of the presidential visit while here. He will see the President sometime Friday, the White House said.

It will be Connally's first visit to Washington since he resigned.